

REMARKS

Responsive to the election of species requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species 1, directed to claims 1-13, 15-18 and 21-24 with traverse.

At the very least, claim 14 should be examined with Species 1. Claim 14 adds an additional excipient for forming an outer membrane layer to the composition of claim 1. Thus, these claims do share the same technical feature: the composition of claim 1.

Similarly, for the method claims 19 and 20, these claims are also directed to the inclusion of a further outer layer to a composition as recited in claim 14 (claim 19) and claim 11 (i.e., claim 20 depends from claim 17, which is directed to the composition of claim 11), and, thus, share the same technical feature: the composition of claim 1.

Thus, a favorable action on the merits of previously elected claims 1-24, in their full scope, is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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